

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication that prior Claims 3, 4, and 6-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is noted.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the feature of prior Claim 3 and, therefore, corresponds to Claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Each of Claims 4-9 and 14-18 is directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 2 and should be allowable along with its parent claim.

New Claim 19 corresponds to Claim 4 written in independent form. Each of Claims 20-24 is directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 19 and should be allowable along with its parent claim.

Claim 25 corresponds to prior Claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Each of Claims 26-28 is directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 25 and should be allowable along with its parent claim.

Claim 29 corresponds to prior Claim 9 rewritten in independent form.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.

It is believed that upon reconsideration the application should be found to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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